In Solidarity Is the Strength!:

To the Streets of Pittsburgh, PA

From the Woodlawn Neighborhood In S. Chicago

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From 'hood to 'hood & city to city, we stand the most to gain in uniting, as an oppressed Community capable of liberating ourselves from our collective social conditions!

Over half a million people are experiencing homelessness here in the U.S. (580,466, as of January 2020)!

However, **more than 16 million housing units in the United States are vacant**, according to 2022 Data, published in Anytime Estimate.

In Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the same social contradiction exists, where 774 people are documented as homeless.

According to the *Pittsburgh Quarterly*, however,

"The city of Pittsburgh has **nearly 24,000** vacant properties, including 7,500 vacant houses and buildings, according to a market analysis by the Center for Community Progress, a national land-recycling nonprofit. About 22 percent of the vacant houses and buildings are owned by the city."May 30, 2022



Pittsburgh ghettos like Homewood, Hazelwood & the 'Hill are socially situated the same way they've been, in many ways, in Woodlawn, Englewood & Lawndale, here in Chicago.

Vacant lots can be seen, not primarily downtown which is a lucrative tourist attraction; but mainly where the Fives & Sixes, raised outcasted from the world of the privileged have been struggling to survive in.

To provide another example: 19.7% percent of people in the Steel City are statistically living in poverty.



17.1% percent of Chicagoans are in the same changeable situation.

Statistics also attest that *people of color* make up the largest amount of people who live in poverty in both of our cities.

Black people make up the highest amount of people living in poverty in Pittsburgh, PA: a massive 35.9% .

The largest amount of people living in poverty in Chicago, IL, is Black: *over 200,000* (26.3% percent of the amount of people in statistical poverty in our city)!

The fact that so many of our youth here are living in poverty has remained a consistent misfortune in this city is also reason we've initiated a **BAF- FREE FOOD FOR THE BODY AND MIND SURVIVAL PROGRAM.**

The **youth**, in particular, are among the most oppressed; and deserve to be empathetically heard, as **12.2 million children are living in poverty in this country.**

The government and it's system has failed to keep our youth out of poverty.

1 in 4 children (under 18) in Chicago are statistically poor and 16,000 students are homeless. (See, Poverty In the United States Chicago, Grade 9 STEM Mr. Chittaro 2020.)

One Southside student said she'd like to see adults take interest to youths' opinions.



Power to the Youth!

Today's Youth demand and deserve to be heard!

Here in Woodlawn - a Black ghetto on the South Side of Chicago - there seems to be a vacant lot on every block.

We see the posters of vote-begging politicians on our abandoned buildings, but never see them in the 'hood, let alone doing anything to improve our conditions.



Inner city slums like those in Erie, Philly, Harrisburg and the Southside of Reading, Pennsylvania, also reflects the systemic abandonment seen in other cities, like Kansas City, MO, Rockford, IL and Gary, Indiana, satelliting the amerikan slum belt.

We walk the alleys, rubbing our hands with enthusiasm this winter, excited how those of us - who ain't no strangers to a life lived in shambles - are gettin' it together, *ourselves!*

By practicing Anarchist (non-government) Mutual-Aid, we're countering capitalist exploitation, over our communities, as well as our minds!

Our *Neighborhood Upliftment Project* (part of our larger Black Autonomy Federation's Poor People's Survival Program) provides FREE food for the body and mind.

We, who'd rather exercise control over both: our community as well as our consciousness, have the Human Right to improve our ***Collective Condition!***

We collectively know the power that comes with *banding together!*

We've been doing it in the Black & Brown communities from one genocidal year to the next to survive the dog eat dog nature the capitalist system has created inside of our streets!

The odds grow in our favor the more we get it together.

A clear demonstration of numbers can easily reveal to us another reassuring way how:

As of 2020, there are only 900 police officers in the city of Pittsburgh.

They'd be overwhelmed if but only a quarter of the 55,910 Black, Steel City residents would choose to form a Black Autonomous neighborhood defense committee everywhere our people are frostbitten with homelessness, or who struggle one check away from eviction.



In Chicago there's less than 1200 officers working the beat.

If the Cpd faced the rest of the spectrum of city dwellers who hunger for something better than the inequities the system upholds, they'd be standing against 301,525;

(257,329 of the people they'd face, being adults)!

It isn't us who should be the ones running away from the cops; if anything, it's the cops who should be the ones running away from **us***!*



The poverty and gang strife imprisoning us from our potential in the streets is *protracted*, and just about everyone of us have been aching long enough for something better than the inequities this system's created!

The Oppressed throughout the streets and prison cells from coast to coast are finding revolutionary redemption in the great *Collective Awakening*.

For this reason, they ban our writings, and censor them from the public.

Schools of Thought, like Autonomy and Direct Democracy are taught from firebrand publishers like So. Chicago ABC Zine Distro, True Leap Press, and Filler Distro.

The Left-wing printing press is the portable university campus for the Oppressed, and Black flagging them from the public & Prisoners is a deliberate display of its powerlessness to the Idea.

In the projects & alleys, we read the Anarchist teachings of Bro. Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin and Alexander Berkman.

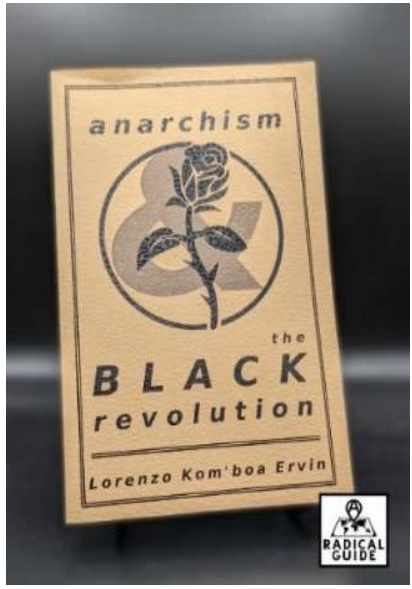
We're exercizing Dual Power – a Power of our own, outside the existing political structure; a structure which all of us resent in some way, shape or form.

We're inspired by the wisdom of Sis. JoNina Abron-Ervin.

We're attentive students of Anarchists Anthony Rayson and the late Lucy Parsons.

We collectively know the feeling of an empty growl in in our stomachs; and to have the lights cut off due to not having enough to pay the bill on time.

To feel the butterflies in our stomach when seeing police; when walking while Black…



To walk out of stores that have Black Lives Matter signs in their windows, empty handed, due to poverty & the unequal distribution of wealth.

Governments know the potential of the sleeping giant within us, *Awakening*; of the ruled & wretched naturally connecting with a knowledge of governing self – like steel to a magnet!

Many of our White Compaz face the same marginalization as outcasts due to them not fitting in.

Panhandling for food is one unavoidably clear example. A defiant rejection of what politicians are peddling is another.

It's visibly clear that capitalism is colorblind.

These are reactions that ignite revolutions!

We *feel* in our gut that we're meant for *more* than the lot we've been given!

We're collectively destined for something *far Greater!*

We've been waiting with crossed fingers for alderman & other politicians to raise us out of these impoverishing conditions long enough and have the power to take our destinies into our own hands!

When you see a cop car flashing brightly, look around and see how many cars parked nearby that outnumber it.



When you feel alienated in society, remember you have a place among those of us on society's margins & that you're never alone.

Spread the Anarchist message of liberation from being governed and of governing others.

Let nothing or anyone stop you from using your mind to mentally rise from any form of repression!

The hour of night is ours to make it through, and luminate the streets with, as a flame free to melt the candle it's been kindled on with the incendiary heat of it's *Passion!*

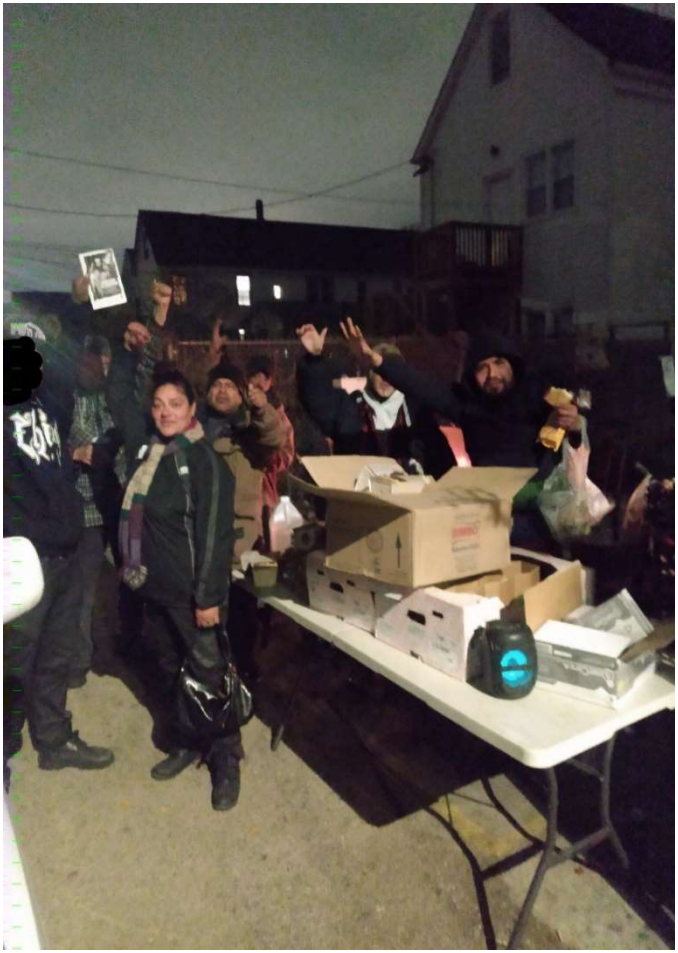
To the streets of Pittsburgh, PA, from 63rd/64th (O-Block) in Chicago :

We send you

SOLIDARITY, LOVE AND STRENGTH!



TO THE HOUSELESS CAMP UNDER THE CAMERON STREET BRIDGE IN HARRISBURG, PA, FROM YOUR ANARCHIST COMPAZ IN THE BACK OF THE YARDS IN S. CHICAGO



We send you the warmth of Solidarity this December!

In Harrisburg, (as of 2021), there are only 188 police that would be rendered powerless if a fraction of the rest of the documented 50,223 residents in the city refuse to pay rent.

This means, Comrades, that the People outnumber the police in your city on a ratio of 267 to 1!

For every 1 of them there are 267 of *you!*

With a closer look, you'll see the situation is not much different here in Chicago.

We exponentially outnumber them in our streets!

There are currently a dwindling 10,025 police in this city.

The rest of us here number in at 2,746,521!

Ratio-wise, we outnumber the police here in our streets *273 to 1!*

The Chicago Police Department would be extinguished faster than a match struck at Lake Michigan in December with those kind of odds at the moment of friction.

Chicago and Harrisburg also have high poverty rates in common. In fact, Harrisburg has more poverty per Capita than the Windy City.

According to welfareinfo.org, an estimated 458,353 (17.3% percent) people in Chicago live in poverty.

It's a city whose strings are pulled by monopolist investments in projects that displace the poor by raising the rents.

In Harrisburg, 26% percent of the population live in poverty. (welfareinfo.org)

The policy-makers in the Capitol building know that with the stroke of their pens, they could see to it that you have one of the many vacant buildings to occupy so you don't freeze to death or get frostbitten toes & fingers this winter.

They know this very well, but could essentially give two fucks if you, if *we* – whether in *the 'burg or the* 'Chi - unnecessarily suffer!



Across the country we're saying We've had Enough and are uniting!

-We, who've lost faith in politicians to save us!

Through Anarchist Mutual Aid; free food, clothing & shelter (including tents) are being distributed with considerable momentum.

We've rejected the government's education system as a moral standard and choose rather to study the Anarchist teachings, instead.

The Anarchist Revolution – the overthrow of what gets in the way between us shuddering in the cold and the empty houses we can fold our fingers behind our heads inside of - is a revolution in *Thinking*, as well!

In choosing to govern our own minds, we gain control over it, in a way that we can collectively take control of our communities with greater confidence!

Our numbers throughout the ghetto streets are strengthening with each autonomous moment!

We're growing deeper with every shivering streetwalker who takes these thoughts into deeper consideration!

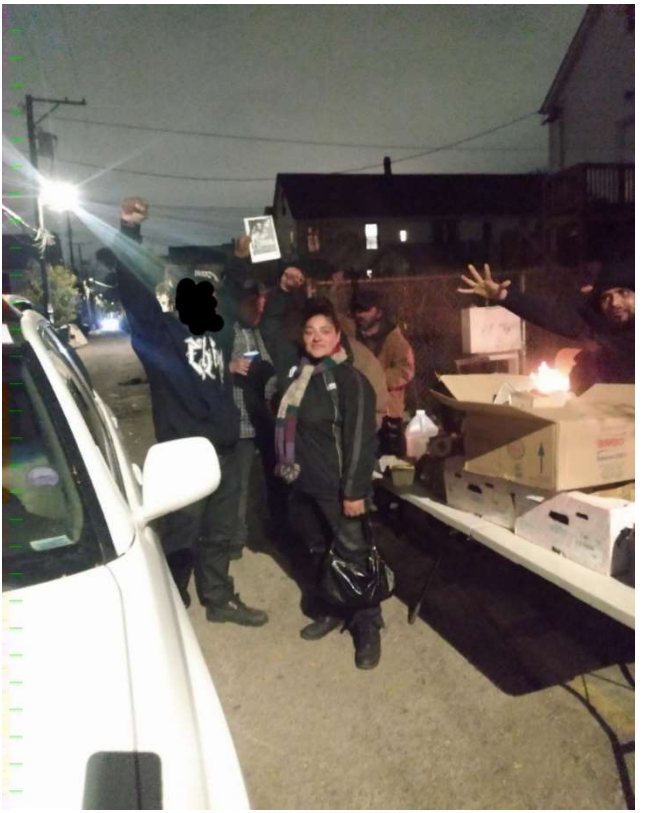
The Dignity in each one of us has led the system to resent us- The *Have-Nots* who've decided that *it's better to die on our feet than live on our knees.*

There are no limits to our Potential and we send you and the ghetto streets of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania ***Solidarity, Love & Strength!***

In Unity is the Strength!

En la Uñion esta la Fuerza!

Hybachi LeMar & your Compaz in the Back of the Yards



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